Electrification of Vijayawada-Guntur-Tenali line

4098. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electrification work on Vijayawada-Guntur-Tenali line in Andhra Pradesh is going on as per schedule, if so, by when it would be completed;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce E.M.U. trains between the above three town to augment the system to go for circular trains on these routes;

(c) whether there is any proposal for a double line; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to electrify Tenali to Repalle line?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Vijayawada-Guntur section has already been energised. Electrification on the remaining Guntur Tenali section is expected to be completed during the year 1988-89.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Study on orphans below the age of 12 years

4099. DR. YELAMANCHILI SHIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study on the statistics of orphans below 12 years of age has been undertaken, if so, what are the details thereof; if not whether there is any proposal to undertake such a study; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to rehabilitate the orphans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) It is confirmed by the Ministry of Welfare that no such study has been conducted and that there is no proposal under consideration for undertaking such a study.

(b) A scheme called the Scheme for the Welfare of Children in Need of Care and Protection is being implemented by the Ministry of Welfare. The details of the scheme are given in the statement.

Statement

SCHEME FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION

A scheme for welfare of children in need of care and protection has been in operation since 1974-75 implemented by the Ministry of Welfare. Under this scheme assistance is given to the voluntary organisations through the State Governments for running children's homes. Grant-in-aid is provided for maintenance of destitute children and for construction of cottages.

The scheme aims at providing welfare services for destitute children for them rehabilitation as normal citizens in the community. Under the scheme food, shelter, clothing, medical attention, vocational training; vocational guidance and recreation and cultural development are to be provided for. From 1979-80 onwards the scheme is being implemented as a centrally sponsored scheme where the expenditure on maintenance of children and construction of cottages is shared between the State and the Central Government in the ratio of 45:45. The voluntary organisations are required to bear 10 per cent of the expenditure. In respect of tribal areas the proportion of expenditure shareable between Central and State Governments is 47-1|2 : 47-1|2. The share of voluntary organisations in these areas is 5 per cent. In respect of destitute children in a Union Territory, the Central Government bears 90 per cent of the expenditure whereas the voluntary organisation bears 10 per cent. Similarly, in respect of tribal areas the sharing of expenditure